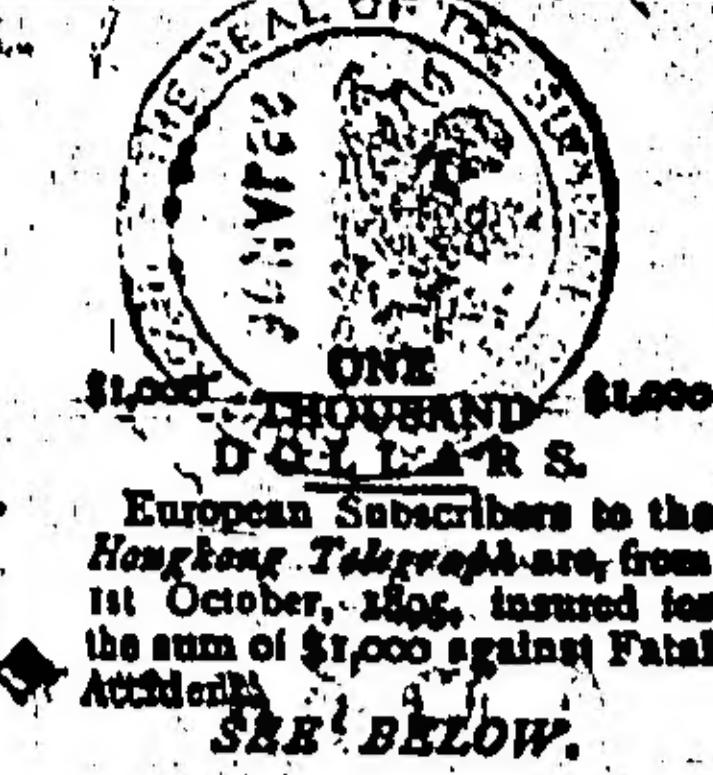


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CHAU TSUNG FAT,
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HEAD OFFICE,
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Hongkong, 1st May, 1895. [33]

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896. [17]

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Mr. Ede seconded this and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Georg proposed the re-election of Messrs Henderson and Peter as auditors.

This was seconded by Mr. Leigh and agreed to.

The Chairman.—That concludes the business of the meeting, and I am very much obliged to you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow on application at the office. Shareholders outside the Colony will have their warrants posted to them where their addresses are known.

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF OUR WATER SUPPLY.

Now that the dry season has continued for more than half its normal period, and everybody is more or less acquainted with the discontents arising from a short allowance of *aqua fura*, a brief description of our water supply cannot fail to interest our resident readers. With that end in view a visit was recently paid to the Tytam reservoir, where a minute examination was made of the quantity and quality of the water at present—in the reservoir—as well as of the condition of the streams and springs from which the supply emanates. The facts we propose to lay before our readers were verified by a brief conversation with the "Water Authority," and may therefore be taken as substantially reliable.

In order to reach Tytam, the aqueduct road was followed, and the filler beds above the gardens passed, along the southern side of the hills and round the west side of the Wong, Nei Chong valley, to the end of the tunnel just above the race-course, and a more picturesque little stroll it would be difficult to imagine. The constant windings of the track, the beauties of the harbour on the left with the Kowloon Hills looming in the background, and the steep ascents of the Island on the right made a perfect picture. During this part of the trip ample evidence was forthcoming of the local value of water, every little gully being blocked by a small dam, from which a pipe leads into the aqueduct, thus securing whatever water was procurable and what had hitherto been permitted to run to waste. The greater number of these dams bore traces of recent erection, and we understand that only at the commencement of the present dry season were they taken in hand. In most of them there is no water at the present moment.

Crossing the range the reservoir came in sight, reminding one of a lake in miniature, without a ripple on its surface. Reaching across the valley at the end of the lake there is a huge dam, the size of which the visitor is unable to appreciate until a front view is obtained. It is clearly apparent, however, at a distance even, that it is of no mean proportions. On a closer examination it is abundantly evident that it is of solid structure. The overflow has been raised to the extent of five feet, and from its present condition we assume that the work is not completed, and we incidentally heard that this delay is attributable to the decision of the authorities not to unduly strain the new structure, but that the intended height of ten feet will be reached by next season. On the top of the main dam the placing of an additional twelve feet of cemented granite has already been accomplished, and when the overflow channel has been raised to its intended elevation an additional capacity of eighty millions of gallons will be secured to the reservoirs. A cursory glance at the front of the dam reveals its magnitude, its height towering a hundred and twelve feet above the bed of the stream, the face being broken by eight terraces, showing the successive points at which the solidity has been lessened on its ascent. At the bottom of this are the discharge pipes, and the basin from which the water enters the long tunnel by which it winds its way citywards.

With regard to the present amount of water in stock and available, the D.P.W. courteously informs us that last Sunday the Tytam reservoir contained 140,000,000 gallons and that the present consumption was, approximately speaking, 1,600,000 gallons per day.

There is a slight leakage through the dam, and through the rock strata on the sides of the valley, but this is amply compensated for by the water emanating from the springs on the hills, all of which ultimately finds its way to the reservoirs.

From the figures quoted in a preceding paragraph the present supply will last for 88 days, while it must be borne in mind that in the Puk-fum reservoir there are nearly 30,000,000 gallons available, which at present is being only drawn upon to a slight extent, one million gallons only, we understand, being used during last week.

From this, we may assume that the supply will hold out until the end of April before which, in ordinary circumstances, heavy rains will have fallen and will put an end to the existing state of things. It cannot be denied that the prospect is a serious one and it devolves on all residents to economise as far as practicable.

"TOMMY ATKINS" REVISED.

Perhaps some of my readers, says *Tatler*, may like to see a rewriting of the immortal ballad of "Tommy Atkins" by Tommy Atkins himself. There is a poet named Toye, now serving in the Camerons. He has produced a parody of the song, and, like a true poet, sings it himself. He has kindly given me permission to reproduce his verses; but not without unduly depreciate the value of his copyright, I will ask the reader to be content with a first.

Apart from its cheapness, morphine appeals to many Chinese, especially the rich merchant and official classes, on account of the ease and convenience with which the craving may be satisfied even in public, and during the transaction of business. Where a pipe would be impossible, the insidious tablet comes as a blessing and a boon. True, the confirmed smoker prefers his pipe to any preparation of morphine; but, with such, the question of expense always weighs heavily; the daily opium allowance is the heaviest drain on the family purse, and where morphine will do for ten cents what costs a dollar in Bazaar or Paina drug, the latter's consumption must necessarily fall off. Under present conditions its eventual extinction can only be a matter of time.

Will the Chinese Government, or rather the Imperial Chancery, calmly wait such an issue, leaving this illicit and notorious traffic to the loss of its revenue due to the detriment of the present open and well-controlled opium

PROPOSED PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING IN HONGKONG.

At the invitation of a provisional committee desirous of arranging for a public missionary meeting, about forty ladies and gentlemen, interested in Christian Missions, met at College Chambers yesterday afternoon.

On the motion of Dr. Ellet, it was agreed that

Dr. Chalmers should take the chair.

In a few words the Chairman expressed his pleasure in meeting the friends of foreign missions, and called on Leon, Kelsall, R.E., the Hon. Sec. to the provisional committee, to report what had been done.

The General Managers have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders a statement of the Company's accounts for the year 1895.

Including \$1,060,62 brought forward from last year, and after deducting \$10,000 paid on the 27th July last as an interim dividend of \$2.00 per share, the balance at credit of profit and loss is \$39,724.28, which it is recommended should be appropriated as follows:

A final dividend of \$2 per share.....\$21,000.00
To write off property account.....13,000.00
To carry forward.....1,724.28

\$39,724.28

In the near future it will be necessary to renew a portion of the machinery, and it is with this in view that the amount above mentioned is recommended to be written off property account.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Thomas Arnold, whose re-election is recommended.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 22nd, 1896.

ASSETS.

Property account.....\$170,000.00

Extension account.....360.65

Invested in—

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's share.....

Cancon Insurance Office's share....

Debtors of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.....

Cash on hand.....

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank—current account.....

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank—deposit account.....

Outstanding accounts.....

Accounts receivable.....

Ice on hand.....

Coals on hand.....

\$171,662.8

LIABILITIES.

Capital account.....\$125,000.00

Accounts payable.....4,749.47

Unclaimed dividend account.....506.18

Ammonia reserve account.....1,584.55

Profit and loss account.....39,724.28

\$171,662.8

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To salaries, wages, and general trade expenses.....\$19,051.31

General Managers' commission.....2,000.00

an auditor's fee.....100.00

Interim dividend of \$2 per share paid on 27th July, 1895.....10,000.00

balance.....39,724.28

\$71,785.59

By balance brought forward from last year.....\$1,060.62

Receipts for ice during the year, value of stock on hand, etc., rent received less Crown rents and taxes paid.....67,963.00

Interest.....265.12

Transfer fees.....1,554.76

30.00

\$71,785.59

THE REPORT OF THE SIDE-LIGHTS COMMITTEE.

LONDON, December 20th.

Since the famous campaign in Liverpool undertaken to settle which end of an egg should be placed uppermost in the cap, there has been no serious magnification of littleness equal to that of the Report of the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade on the Screening of Ships' Side-Lights. The opponents of the Board of Trade regulations have won all round, and the maximum victory amounts to this, that the maximum angle of divergence from right ahead is now reduced from four degrees to three degrees ten minutes and thirty seconds. This stupendous difference—forty-nine minutes and thirty seconds—has been arrived at in about 230 days, according to the dates on the Report, by twelve eminent men skimming and churning the evidence of, we do not yet know how many, equally eminent witnesses, and by making elaborate experiments on a grand scale at Sheerness. The volume or volumes of evidence are not yet before us, but we do not hesitate to assert now that the time occupied ought not in reason to have exceeded forty-nine minutes thirty seconds to be at all commensurate with the difference now determined.

The Liverpool affair was nothing compared with this, and it was fiction; while this we are humbled to confess is fact, and the voluminous evidence will be received, when published, with the blush of shame, the laugh of ridicule, or the scorn of indifference by all interested in the question settled by it.

The Committee has found that the Order in Council of 1884 requires the side-lights to be screened parallel to the keel at the inner edge of the wick. But surely this did not require

all those months of deliberation, or any experiment at all. The language of the order admits of no other interpretation.

Indeed, interpretation is only likely to spoil it; it ought to be taken just as it stands, for it is not "doctor's stuff," before intent to be well skinned.

It is clear, digested legal language, void of doubt or quibble. "A light so constructed as to show a uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points astern" must have its flame wholly within the limiting radii of that fixed arc and to be limited, as prescribed, the flame must touch each of these radii. Every sufficient light which does this fulfils requirement (c) in the Order, and no other than this scaling will comply with it.

Then, the requirement (b) is that "The said lights shall be fitted with lenses so constructed

as to prevent these lights from being seen 'abreast' the bow." The grammatical analysis of this clause has been lost sight of in the report which, however, arrives at the right conclusion, but indirectly, as if helping out an imperfectly expressed instruction.

The "so as to" prevent these lights from being seen 'abreast' the bow" is not a statement of the object of the person. It is a statement of the character of the person over the g. It means

intensity of a light shone between the two

and the light for at least that 3 ft. Whatever course the light may take in advance of that 3 ft, is not regarded, only the person is to act over the 3 ft, as a light prevents or shutting off the rays." The instruction that a soldier is to be fitted with a light hanging at least two feet from the waist, would never be taken to be an order to render that person invisible, but only that two feet of his length should be screened.

In the original rules there is grammatical accuracy all through, requiring no emendation; the methods of construction are always followed by "so as to" or "of" such character as to, and when an intention is indicated the language becomes "so that." In the screening clause the words are "so as to" referring to the screen only, and not to the effect upon the light beyond the screen.

We cannot see that the report of the committee has advanced our knowledge in any way.

They have unnecessarily waded into matters not committed to their consideration, and they have incorporated in their report an essay on the "Rule of the Road," which they were not asked for, and which, if required at all, would probably have been applied for elsewhere. The few lines of recommendation, their final result, is more valuable by itself than with all the essay attached to it. A fifth clause in which they recommend the employment of higher candle-power for the green light, and limit at a reduction of the illuminating power of mast-head lights is quite outside the two questions enunciated in their commission. The Board of Trade have, we think, wisely omitted this from their circular to surveyors, although possibly the recommendation will receive full consideration, and future action may follow.

The report is wading and wallowing all through,

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Are the two ships steering end on or nearly end on? In my opinion the answer should be in the affirmative. Surely it depends entirely upon the distance the vessels are apart whether they are meeting at all. If they are two miles apart—the distance at which the side-lights are operative—they will pass each other out of halting range if they keep their courses. If they are so near that they must collide if they both stand on, then that opinion given that both ships should port is absurd, and will certainly lead to disaster. We cannot make out what the Committee intend by inserting this quotation. They bring it in as if they meant to decide whether it were margarine or butter, but, after they have been flogging it for some time, we are unable to say whether they have put it on their tongue to throw it away.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1896.

Intimations.

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY will be held at its REGISTERED OFFICE No. 9, Praya Central, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of January instant, at 12 NOON, when the Subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 13th of January last, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution, viz.—

"That the HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1856 to 1895, and that CECILY EWANS OF VICTORIA IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG be and is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes, of such winding up."

Dated the 11th day of January, 1896.

W. A. DUFF,
Secretary.

NOTICE. With reference to the above Notice the business of the COMPANY will not be interrupted and Orders will be received as heretofore by the Undersigned.

W. A. DUFF,
Secretary.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 29th January, 1896, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Twelve Months ending 31st December, 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY the 27th January to THURSDAY the 29th January, 1896, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and
Agency Company, Limited.

Agents for the
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1896.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED AND REDUCED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1896.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 3rd February, 1896, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY the 27th January to MONDAY the 3rd February, 1896, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and
Agency Company, Limited.

General Agents for the
West Point Building Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1896.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, at NOON on WEDNESDAY, the 5th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1895, and the Report of the General Manager. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th instant to the 6th proximo, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896.

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